



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6398

House of Representatives, March 24, 2009

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY, R. of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE NORTHEASTERN FOREST FIRE PROTECTION AND
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 23-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 There shall be three members, hereinafter called commissioners, of
4 the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission, appointed by the
5 Governor. One of such commissioners shall be the State Forest Fire
6 Warden, the second shall be a member of the legislature, [who is also a
7 member of the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation,
8 designated by said commission,] and the third shall be a citizen of the
9 state designated by the Governor as his responsible representative to
10 serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The commissioners so appointed
11 shall be paid no compensation. They shall be reimbursed for necessary
12 expense incurred in the performance of their duties.

13 Sec. 2. Section 26-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

15 In pursuance of Article III of said compact there shall be three
16 members, hereinafter called commissioners, of the Atlantic States
17 Marine Fisheries Commission, hereinafter called commission, from the
18 state of Connecticut. The first commissioner from the state of
19 Connecticut shall be the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
20 ex officio. The second commissioner from the state of Connecticut shall
21 be a legislator and a member of the [Commission on
22 Intergovernmental Cooperation of the state of Connecticut] joint
23 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
24 matters relating to fisheries, ex officio, designated by said commission,
25 and the term of any such ex-officio commissioner shall terminate at the
26 time he ceases to hold said legislative office or said [office as
27 commissioner on intergovernmental cooperation] membership on said
28 joint standing committee of the General Assembly, and his successor as
29 commissioner shall be named in like manner. The Governor shall
30 appoint a citizen as a third commissioner who shall have a knowledge
31 of and interest in the marine fisheries problem. The term of said
32 commissioner shall be three years and he shall hold office until his
33 successor is appointed and has qualified. Vacancies occurring in the
34 office of such commissioner from any reason or cause shall be filled by
35 appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. The
36 Commissioner of Environmental Protection as ex-officio commissioner
37 may delegate, from time to time, to any deputy or other subordinate in
38 his department or office, the power to be present and participate,
39 including voting as his representative or substitute at any meeting of
40 or hearing by or other proceeding of the commission. Any
41 commissioner may be removed from office by the Governor upon
42 charges and after a hearing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	23-54
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Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	26-297
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, the closing bracket after "Cooperation" was moved and placed after "commission," for accuracy.

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill alters membership of certain commissions and has no fiscal impact.

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OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6398*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTHEASTERN FOREST FIRE PROTECTION AND ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill modifies the membership of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries commissions. Under current law, the legislators who are appointed must belong to the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, which is now defunct. The bill eliminates the intergovernmental commission membership requirement. It requires the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission appointee who is a legislator to be a member of the Environment Committee and specifies that such an appointee's term expires when he or she is no longer a member of the General Assembly or the Environment Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/06/2009)